

**Resolution requesting the Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue generated by the tax levy for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County. (Commissioners)**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is currently levying a three-fourths (0.75) of a mill ten-year levy approved by the voters of the County on November 2, 2004 (the "2004 Levy"), commenced in 2005, and first collected in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 Levy supports the Columbus Zoological Park Association (the "Zoo") and its provision of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoo has advised and notified the Board of County Commissioners that the normal and customary percentage of the total General Fund appropriations within the ten-mill limitation for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County is insufficient, beginning January 2015 and thereafter, to provide an adequate amount of support of such zoological park services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the Zoo's request, it is necessary to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the County on the November ballot the question of a renewal tax levy for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County at a rate not exceeding three-fourths (0.75) of a mill to be in effect for a period of ten years beginning with the property taxes for 2015, to be first collected in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by such a tax; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio, with two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring,

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having been advised and notified by the Zoo as to their needs for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County, declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the County will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for zoological park services and facilities as authorized in Ohio Revised Code § 307.76.

2. Based on the advice and notification by the Zoo and at its request, it is determined necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin County, Ohio for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.19(Z), and said levy to be at a rate of three-fourths (0.75) of a mill for each dollar (\$1.00) of valuation which amounts to seven and one-half cents (\$0.075) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, to be in effect for a period of ten (10) years, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate of the current year, first collected in 2016, this levy being a renewal of an existing three-fourths of a mill (0.75) levy; and that the question of levying said tax to be submitted to the electorate of Franklin County, Ohio, at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, as provided in Chapter 5705 of the Ohio Revised Code.
3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor. This Board hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax levy if approved by electors of the County.
4. All formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of the Board were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.